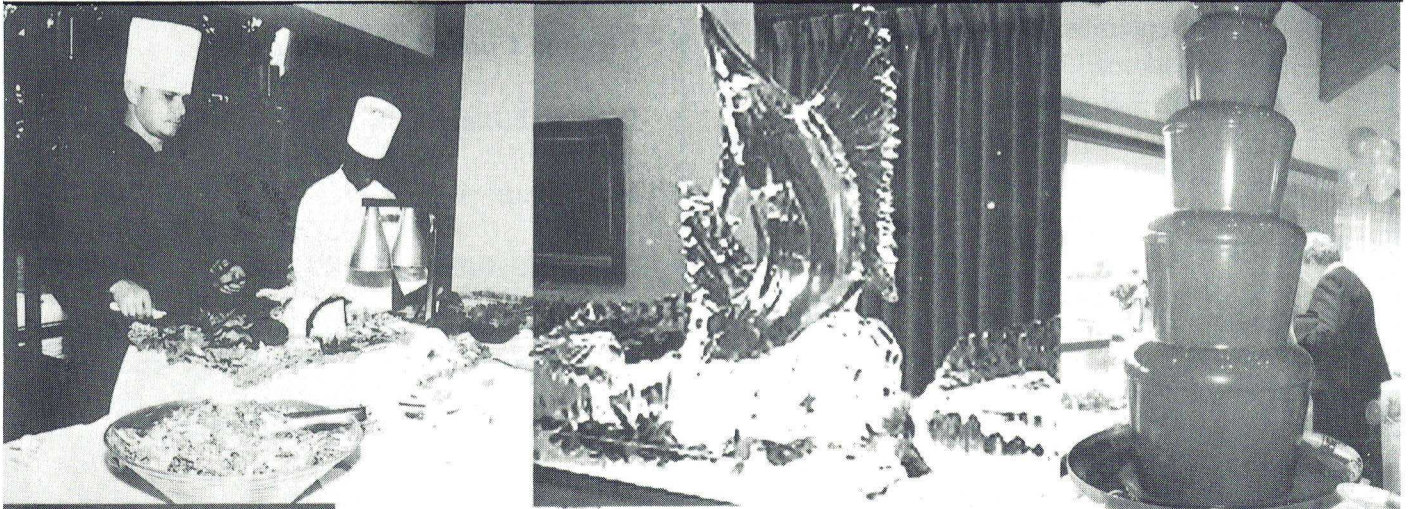


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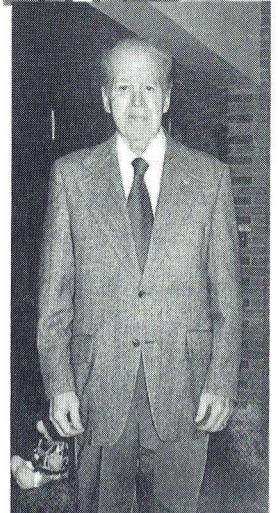
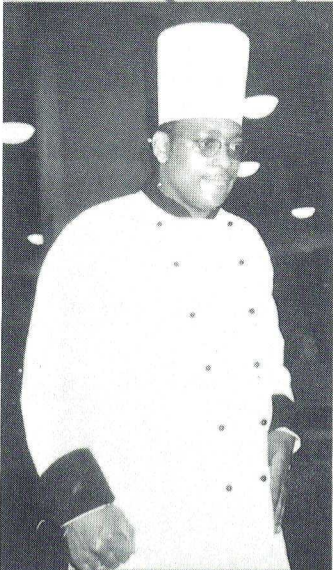


We are grateful to the wonderful people in food service, who produced our 25th Anniversary Gala. It was an elegant evening, one to long remember—party foods galore, raw bars, carving and dessert stations, wines, chocolate and beverage fountains, even caviar. About sixty staff people worked hours on the affair of whom Dan Hall remarked, "It couldn't have been done without every one of them."

Special thanks go to the management staff and cooks: Bernard Queen, Dan Hall, Leroy Richards, Andy Covell, Brenda Evans, Brenda Copenhagen Melinda Durkey, Kayla Bennett, Bryan Sherp, Jessie Ritzel, Antoine Cobel, Bryan Jackson, Rodney Horton, and Gloria Martin.

Thank you to all who helped and who came. We loved it!

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NEWLY ARRIVED
RESIDENT**Ellen Williams D-8 410-785-3666****Letter to the editor:**

As mentioned, in our Concert series we repeatedly get remarks from the artists on what a wonderful and receptive audience we are. Here is a note just received from a Department head at the Peabody.

"The audience was so lovely and appreciative. It was a pleasure to perform."

Phil Schnering, Music Chair N-10

**A LOOK INTO SPACE
IS COMING***By Barbara Vosburgh*

Starting January 19th Adventures in Learning will present a series of lectures by Ray Villard of the Space Telescope Sciences Institute. He will talk about Hubble's Expanding Universe, discussing the beginning and the fate of the Universe along with the search for planets and life, as well as the future of space exploration.

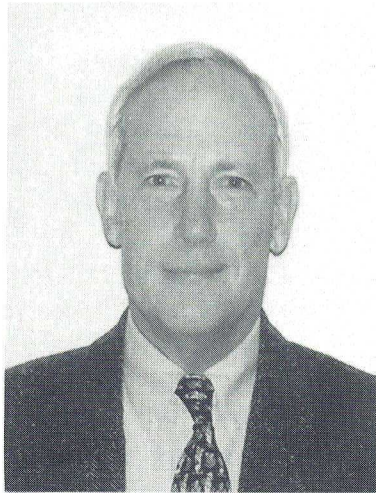
We will also visit the planetarium at the Maryland Science Center. Plan to join us for an exhilarating peek into space.

Benjamin Henry “Hank” Kaestner III

by Dick Hutzler

One of a series of profiles of Broadmead's Trustees

After having spent a good deal of the day planting daffodil bulbs on his Monkton property, Hank Kaestner had the goodness to come to my place so we could lay the groundwork for this article. All this seems typical of this capable, energetic and accommodating man. Hank is no stranger to Broadmead, having favored the residents here with his fascinating lectures on birds, spices and his travels every year for some twenty-three years now.



As a young kid Hank became interested in the things of nature such as snakes and butterflies, but on a visit to Mexico City at age 10 he spotted a brilliantly colored red bird in Chapultepec Park and was frustrated by not knowing its name. As fate would have it, the next day he was in a book shop where he found a birding book that had a picture of that very bird on its cover. He asked for, and got, the book, and he was thus embarked on a life-long hobby of birding. (The bird turned out to be a vermilion flycatcher) He later introduced this hobby to his younger brother, Peter, who has had a career in the diplomatic service that has taken him all over the world. Thereby, Peter has far outdistanced Hank in his “life list,” having accumulated close to 8000 species, compared to Hank’s 6700. Hank says that, upon his retirement, Peter worried that, now that Hank had more time (hah!), he would catch up with him, but he adds that Peter need not worry because he’s not so competitive with him about birding, and, further, to catch up with Peter would simply take far too much time away from other things that he wants or needs to do.

When Hank graduated from Hopkins (as a language major) in 1967 he had the opportunity to

go into his family’s business, making stainless steel industrial food processing equipment, but he wasn’t attracted to that, so he spent two years in the army and then went to work for McCormick & Co., where he began a long and successful career, ultimately becoming Director of Spice Procurement. During that time his work took him to over a hundred different countries and, in the process, he became competent in some ten foreign languages. He considers himself fluent in only a few of them but he’s able as a traveler to manage in the rest - including Chinese, Russian and Indonesian. He has become perhaps the world’s leading authority on spices, having been deeply involved in the growth, processing and/or procurement of all of the 45 or so spices that the McCormick Company handles. Since his retirement from the company in 2000 he has worked as a private consultant (explaining the “hah!” in the previous paragraph), serving such clients as the World Bank, the U.S. and Canadian Departments of Agriculture, the U.S. Agency for International Development and other governmental agencies and private companies.

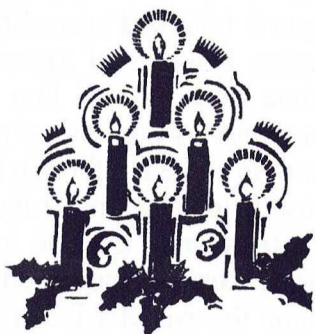
Clearly Hank is not one to just sit around. When he’s not traveling the world on spice matters or finding and photographing birds or planting bulbs or whatever, he’s probably giving a lecture somewhere - illustrated with his own photographs - which he’s done over a thousand times. Obviously a man of great talents and capabilities as well as affability, I daresay he will be a sterling asset to Broadmead as one of our Trustees.

WHAT IS A FRIEND

By Nancy Rowe

What is a friend but a hand laden with love
A heart which feels your losses, longings, pains
Who faithfully accompanies you
Through nights of deepest darkness
Who enjoys your joy as you are basking
In a spot of warming sunlight.

OPEN HOUSE AT HOLLY HOUSE



COME JOIN YOUR FRIENDS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2004
3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Christmas

By Carolyn T. Underwood

O Seed of Life
Bringer of flowers,
Bringer of babies, foxes, kittens,
give us reverence
Toward the smallest signs of life
and thankfulness
that at this season
You appear among us
scattering joy!

"DECK THE HALLS"

Donna Smith and 60 elves decked the halls for the holidays. Ellie Hobelmann decorated the display case celebrating the traditional Christmas, Hanuukah and Kwanza. Fran and Pete Peterson were in charge of Holly House and the atrium; Joan Tapley, the dining room; Priscilla Stieff, the East Hall; Midge Nelson, lower level; Nancy Boyce, the auditorium; Margaret Proctor, the lounge; Marie Litz, the coffee shop; Eleanor Casey, Hallowell; Betty Pause, Taylor; Ann Remington and Norma Jane Danzer, the tree at the mail box.

BRA NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Saturday, December 31st
9:00 p.m. to midnight
In the Auditorium

By Lynn Buck

Are you tired of this old worn-out year of war, destruction, election discord, disharmony, and despair? Then we have just the solution for you. Come to the BRA Annual New Year's Eve Party on Saturday night, December 31, and delete all that negative stuff. Join your friends in celebrating a brand-new, unblemished year.

This gala event, co-chaired by Bob Herrmann and Sally Bloomer, begins at 9:00 pm and continues through midnight. Lively dance music on CDs and tapes from Walter Lane and Evie Dempsey will keep your feet tapping or perhaps propel you to the dance floor. There will also be an abundance of fun and games, starting with "Who Am I?" Lucille Brandt and Ruth Williams will entertain us with a group of humorous poems. Walt Hudson will treat us to an interlude of amazing magic tricks. And we will enjoy a brief original radio skit by our renowned resident playwright, Eli Freedman. From time to time, Jeanette Royston will keep us laughing with selections from a new supply of her outrageous jokes.

Throughout the evening, ballroom dancing will be interspersed with a Paul Jones and Sadie Hawkins dance and a Conga Line. There will be delicious *hors d'oeuvres* and soft drinks. BYOB (the one and only time in the year this is permitted by the Administration).

Of course, what New Year's Eve is complete without watching the ball drop in Times Square? All who stay awake long enough will be rewarded with the exhilarating experience of celebrating the arrival of the New Year as we watch the large-screen TV together and witness the ball descending in Times Square. We hope you will free your inhibitions and join us at this extraordinary event, this party with pizzaz!

A TRIBUTE TO PAULA BALSER

By Fran Beasley

Paula Balser, a strong minded, bright, accomplished woman, came to Broadmead in 1990. She was an activist then and remains so today.

Though born in New Jersey, Paula was moved to New York City at the age of three. She remains a New Yorker by sentiment even now.

Paula attended city schools through high school and then Duke University in North Carolina. She graduated with a major in Sociology. From there it was back to New York and Columbia to earn a masters in Social Work. It was while doing her student field work at The Travelers Aid Society that one of those fateful times occurred and she met Dr. Benjamin Balser, the staff psychiatrist. Paula had written a family history report which crossed Dr. Balser's desk. He found it so outstanding that he asked to meet the author.



Two years later, Paula, now a social worker at the American Red Cross, and Ben, who also worked at that agency, married. They lived in an upper West side apartment and eventually moved to Hastings-on-Hudson. It was there that Paul, their first child, was born.

During World War II Ben served with the Army Air Force Medical Corps. For the next few years they lived at various army bases across the country. Two more sons, were born, Richard and then Stephen.

After V.J. Day the family of five came back to New York - New Rochelle this time. Ben returned to his work. The boys attended local schools. Later one went to Yale and two to Syracuse. (Now Stephen is an educator, Richard a hospital administrator and Paul is a venture capitalist). There are seven grandchildren and five "greats".

Paula also found time for volunteer work. In New Rochelle it included coordinating Day Care nurseries and with the Mental Hygiene Association.

Together she and Ben traveled the far East,

Latin America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand.

Ben died in 1995 and Paula now back in the city joined a committee of highly qualified volunteers, who monitored the city's municipal hospitals. Many hours were spent with this group, under The United Hospital Association.

At Broadmead the helping work continues. She joined the Health Care Committee, chaired it for three years, was a two year representative to the Board of Trustees, nine years a volunteer at the reception desk and for the past three years, the BRA archivist.

This truly worldly woman, who has traveled much of the globe, brings a wealth of her experiences and talents to Broadmead. They enrich the community.

Development

By Pat Graham

Broadmead is in the midst of its fall/winter fund-raising campaign. During this campaign, we will be providing information and seeking contributions to the many endowment funds that are designated to support various needs at Broadmead, from subsidizing residents monthly fees and/or entrance fees, to providing private companions, to providing programs on the health-care floors, to providing scholarships to staff and/or their immediate families, to providing emergency loans to staff, etc. And a new fund to meet other needs can always be created should a donor desire.

One can support the endowments with cash gifts, bequests, and/or donations of stock, life insurance, etc. This year we will be focusing on providing information about charitable gift annuities, as they are excellent opportunities to improve the quality of life for someone else while having a personal income stream for the rest of one's own life. And Broadmead's interest rate is the same as any other charitable entity's. **On Wednesday, December 15, 2004, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, in the auditorium,** there will be a discussion about Broadmead's endowments, the missions that are met by each fund, and how one might help meet those missions, followed by a questions and answers session. We hope to see you there.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

By Kitty Stierhoff

James Browning, Executive Director of Common Cause, spoke at the Open Forum on October 21st. Common Cause was established in the 1970s by James Gardner, who left the Johnson Administration in frustration over the lack of real debate over the issues. Mr. Browning pointed out that only 2% of the population contribute to campaigns and candidates are dependent on wealthy networks and corporations for the bulk of their campaign monies. Maryland is one of those states that allows corporations to donate to candidates. This inevitably leaves the candidates beholden to the large contributors and assures large donors and corporations easy access and influence. Those who bankroll, control. Public Finance could close those loopholes.

Common Cause, along with other groups, is working to pass a bill in Maryland which would support public financing of campaigns and make it unnecessary for candidates to have to depend on the large networks and corporations for its funds. This would free legislators to vote without undue influence and hopefully push along some real legislation on such things as health care, energy and the environment. A few states have already set up public financing, which seems to be working well.

It would cost Maryland \$27,000,000 for public financing. Although this seems high, we currently have costs of \$100s of millions when you consider the added costs to legislation for special interests. One example is tax breaks for Maryland businesses incorporated under Delaware law.

Mr. Browning pointed out that there is a long history of Civil Rights changes in election laws over the years. Originally only white, male, land holders could vote. Over the next 150+ years that right was extended to men who didn't own property; to Jews; to African American males and finally to women. The Voting Rights Act was passed outlawing poll taxes and literacy tests to determine eligibility; 18-year-olds were given voting rights and the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed. The next step is to pass a Public Financing Bill which would allow all citizens to run for office, regardless of wealth, and to have elected offi-

cials whose jobs are not dependent on big political contributors. A system of public financing could eliminate corporate tax breaks and wasteful government spending.

Mr. Browning concluded by urging us all to work for a Public Financing Bill and to encourage our legislators to pass one.

2004 ELECTION & BOND ISSUES

By Kitty Stierhoff

Becky Rigger and Kitty Stierhoff from the League of Women Voters of Baltimore County discussed the upcoming election at the October 28th Open forum.

The Diebold Electronic Voting Equipment was discussed. The machines were found to be pretty accurate during the Primary Election. No defects were found in the software, just in programming - human error. The League participated in Parallel Testing of the machines and found them to be accurate. Of interest is the way the results are handled. As each machine is closed, there are several printouts which show a tabulation of the vote. Then the hard memory drive which captures a "ballot face" of each ballot cast is removed. A printout and the hard drive from each machine are taken to election headquarters for the final tally. If a recount is required, a long strip containing a "picture" of every ballot face can be printed out and hand counted.

The presenters gave steps which all should follow to ensure that their vote is cast properly. If somebody finds they are not on the books at their polling place and states that he/she is supposed to be on the books, they may ask for a Provisional Ballot which will be researched after the election to determine its legitimacy. The procedure for casting emergency absentee ballots was also discussed.

All attendees were given copies of the League's Voters Guide with information on the candidates and a review of the Bond Issues. The League asks candidates questions on specific controversial areas and prints their answers in the Guide. The bonds come about from the County's two-year Capital Improvement Program, which is adopted preceding each General Election.

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The main source for funding these Improvements is borrowed funds in the form of General Obligation Bonds. These Bonds must be approved by the voters and are generally repaid over 20 years. This year there are nine borrowing ordinances totaling \$230,000,000 and cover Schools, Parks, Public Works, Community and Economic Improvements, Operational Buildings, Refuse Disposal, Community Colleges, Land Preservation and Waterway Improvements.

We were reminded to do our homework and come to the polling place prepared and to VOTE.

Over 1,600 citizens of Baltimore County were scheduled to vote at Broadmead on November 2, 2004.

HOW DID THEY VOTE?

1,403 individuals, or about 88 percent of those eligible, cast their votes at Broadmead.

	Democratic	Republican	Total
<u>Votes</u>			
For President	584 (42%)	799 (57%)	1403
For Senate	714 (53 %)	644 (47%)	1358
For House	464 (37%)	789 (63%)	1243

From the Voice of December, 1979

By the time issue No.3 of Broadmead's new resident publication was distributed in the third week of December 1979, the Voice had doubled in size (from four pages to eight) and the staff had grown from four residents to nine. As identified on page eight, G. James Fleming, Mildred Beck, Margaret Bouchelle, Nancy Rowe and Claire Walker comprised the editorial staff, and Franc Beck, Dorothy Graham, Lefty Graham and Cyril Murphy the production and circulation staff.

As proclaimed on page one, the first all-residents meeting attracted "almost 100 persons" to the newly opened auditorium where Ken Walker reviewed the events that brought the Broadmead dream to reality. Along with Executive Director Martin Trueblood, he fielded residents' questions and suggestions. "Lingering and tenacious construction and equipment-performance problems were noted by Trueblood and Walker," the story-

pointed out, "and maximum effort for their prompt alleviation" was promised.

Plans for the celebration of Christmas and Hanukkah were also reported on page one. Seasonal events planned included concerts by the Friends School Chamber Chorus, resident caroling in the dining room and, on January 7, a presentation at Goucher College featuring New York Metropolitan Opera star Beverly Sills. A "potluck party" in the lounge on Christmas Eve was also promised and residents were urged to "bring a goodie to share."

On page 3, residents were urged to watch the bulletin board. "Things happen so fast, and programs come to light every day," the story explained, "making it impossible for the *Voice* to announce what's around the corner." On the same page, Mildred Beck, "convener pro tem" of the program committee, wrote that key staff members would soon begin making presentations regarding the various services for which their departments were responsible.

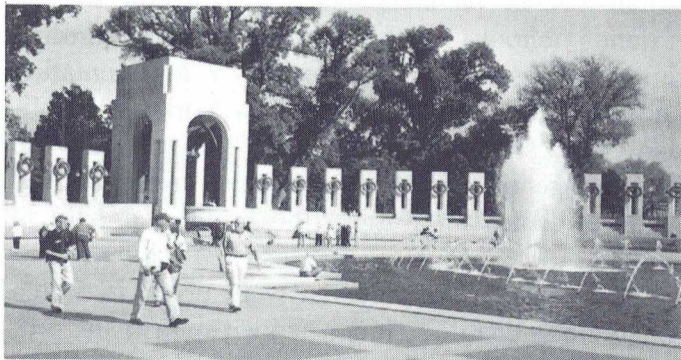
On page 4, Margaret Bouchelle described how the operator of "a great front-loader" attacked the massive mound of topsoil that had become known to residents as "Mud Mountain" and deposited "huge mouthfuls" of it into brightly-colored trucks. It was then taken to be spread over areas to be landscaped.

On pages 5 through 7, Claire Walker described memories Broadmeaders had of Christmases they experienced in the early years of the century. Among those who shared their memories were Ted Baker, Catherine Donnelly, LaVerne Forbush, Mattie Groben, Ken Walker, Marjorie Wolfe, Jim Fleming, Ted Baker, Mildred Tyson, Bliss Forbush and Margaret Bouchelle. "What has happened to the activities that distinguished the season when we were young?" Claire wrote. "Will they make a comeback at Broadmead?"

On page 7, Martin Trueblood wrote the first of what was to become a series of columns under the heading "Director's Corner." He assured residents that "Broadmead will be essentially complete this year except for the seeding of areas not done by December 1." And he wrote that, "The Broadmead community already has its own unique personality. Clearly, it is a community of persons who care about each other."

Broadmead's Trip To The World War II Memorial

By Ann Remington



On November 1 Rohrbach's bus departed from Broadmead with 44 residents for a trip to Washington, D.C. It was a perfectly lovely day - blue sky and jacket weather.

We arrived at the World War II Memorial before 11 AM for our visit to this very impressive memorial. With the Lincoln Memorial in the distance on one side and the Washington Monument on the other it is incredibly beautiful. One semi-circle represents the Atlantic battles and the other the Pacific. The 56 US states, territories and District of Columbia are represented with the pillars. In the center is the Freedom Wall with 4,000 gold stars commemorating the more than 400,000 Americans who gave their lives in the war.

Dr. and Mrs. Dandy were fortunate enough to look up on that clear, windy day to see a bald eagle soaring in all his glory with his white head and white tail clearly visible. "It was exhilarating to behold our National emblem in flight under such circumstances."

We then went to the National Museum of the American Indian in its brand new building with fascinating architecture. Based on conversations with Native people across the hemisphere, the NMAI design team chose colors, materials, symbols and forms that reflect indigenous aesthetics. With four floors of exhibition space, it has amazing vistas of sculpture, jewelry and history of the various tribes.

Mitsitam is the cafeteria in the museum with all kinds of native foods. One needs to walk around the food court to see all the varieties before

deciding on one's lunch. There are five different sections with everything from cedar-planked Juniper Salmon to buffalo burgers to Lobster rolls, to name just a few of the choices.

All in all it was a very satisfactory day and thanks to everyone's cooperation by being on time at all times, we were home by 4:30 as planned.

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Clever

Suggested by Charles Stieff

The Wall Street Journal is read by people who run the country.

The New York Times is read by people who think they run the country.

The Washington Post is read by people who think they should run the country.

USA Today is read by people who think they ought to run the country but don't really understand the Washington Post. They do, however, like their smog statistics shown in pie charts.

The Los Angeles Times is read by people who wouldn't mind running the country, if they could spare the time, and if they didn't have to leave L.A. to do it.

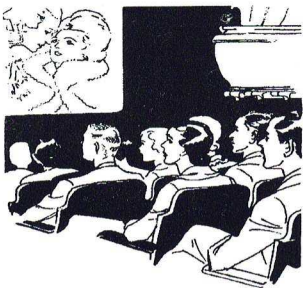
The Boston Globe is read by people whose parents used to run the country, and they did a far superior job of it, thank you viddy much.

The New York Daily News is read by people who aren't too sure who's running the country, and don't really care, as long as they can get a seat on the train.

The New York Post is read by people who don't care who's running the country either, as long as they do something really scandalous, preferably while intoxicated.

The San Francisco Chronicle is read by people who aren't sure there is a country, or, that anyone is running it; but whoever it is, they oppose all that they stand for. There are occasional exceptions as long as they are democrats.

The Miami Herald is read by people who are running another country, but need the baseball scores.



BROADMEAD MOVIES

7 p.m. in the auditorium.
Tuesday Movies by Harriet
Duncan & Walter Lane
Saturday movies by
Jeanne Stevenson
& Betty Douglas

December 7th

SPELLBOUND

2002

97 minutes

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This is not what you might expect, but the story of an ongoing real National spelling contest. You will sit on the edge of your chair rooting for your favorite to win.

December 14th

THE RETURN OF MARTIN GUERRE

1982

111 minutes Critics pick Adult NR

Account of an actual 16th century court case in which a man returns to his family and village after years away at war only to have his identity questioned.

December 18th

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE

1993

133 minutes Critics pick Adult

Brilliant adaptation of Edith Wharton's novel, directed by Martin Scorsese. A New York member of society is torn between two women and two ways of life. Michelle Pfeiffer, Daniel Day-Lewis, Winona Ryder.

December 21st

BEFORE SUNRISE

1995

101 minutes Critics pick Adult

An American tourist, Ethan Hawke, and a French student, Julie Delpy meet on a Eurail train and on the spur of the moment, hop off in Vienna exploring the city and getting acquainted with each other and falling in love.

December 25th

THE THIN MAN

1934

90 minutes Critics pick Adult

Suspenseful adaptation of Dashiell Hammett's novel following the adventures of Nick and Nora Charles, a crime-solving, fun-loving married couple. William Powell, Myrna Loy, Maureen O'Sullivan.

December 28th

BEFORE SUNSET

2004

80 minutes Critics pick R

After a Passage of time, the young couples' paths cross again. Candid and deeply moving. Marcella Darges of the Los Angeles Times reports "this is American cinema at its very best!"

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

In the Auditorium at 7:00 pm

By Margaret Proctor

December 4th

"THE JAPANESE IN AMERICA"

Frank Hijikata

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December 11th,

"HOW'S THE BAY DOING"

David von Behren

Active volunteer and advocate
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

OPEN FORUM PROGRAM

Thursdays at 10:30 am, in the Auditorium

By Sonia Blumenthal

December 2nd

"MEDIA CONSOLIDATION: WHAT IT MEANS IN AMERICA AND TO FREEDOM"

Larry Krause and Alice Cherbonnier,
Baltimore News Network
And Publisher of The Chronicle

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December 9th

"THE ONGOING DILEMMA OF JUVENILE JUSTICE IN MARYLAND"

Stuart O. Simms,
former director of the Maryland
Department of Public Safety
and Correctional Services
(under Governors Glendenning
and Ehrlich 1997-2003)

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BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, December 14th at 10:30 am
Fireplace Room

Led by the
Reverend Beverly Braine
Rector, Immanuel Episcopal Church

ALL WELCOME

VESPERS

By Carolyn Underwood

The Reverend Fred Crider

Christmas Service with Choir
from Timonium United Methodist Church

Sunday, December, 19th at 2:00 pm
in the Lounge

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AT BROADMEAD

By Bill Banks

1st Wednesday Every Month at 10:30 am
EPISCOPAL COMMUNION
Taylor East Lounge – 3rd Floor
Sponsored by Sherwood Episcopal
Church – York Road, Cockeysville

2nd Wednesday Every Month at 10:00 am
CATHOLIC MASS
Taylor East Lounge – 3rd Floor
Sponsored by the Catholic Community of
St. Francis Xavier, Cuba Road, Hunt Valley

3rd Wednesday Every Month at 10:30 am
PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNION
Stony Run Activities Room – 3rd Floor
Sponsored by Ashland Presbyterian Church,
Ashland Avenue, Cockeysville

MUSIC EVENTS

By Phil Schnering

Sunday, December 5th, at 2:00 p.m.
SIMONE DINNERSTEIN,
World-renowned pianist.

*

Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m.
LET'S SING
With Herb Merrick at the piano

*

Saturday December 18th at 2:00 p.m.
NORTH HARFORD COMMUNITY CHORUS
Christmas music from
16 Harford County churches

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All Welcome
In the Auditorium

OPERA VIDEO

By Harry Blumenthal

Friday, December 17th,
in the Auditorium

“HÄNSEL AND GRETEL”

by Engelbert Humperdinck

Metropolitan Opera
Starring Fredericka von Stade, Judith
Blegen,
Rosalind Elias

This fairy tale opera with its lush, sophisticated melodies is a delight for adults and children alike!

Bring your grandchildren!
(104minutes)

He who does not make a choice makes a choice.
Unknown

HITHER THITHER AND YAWN

With Foxy Georgia

Well, it's over, it's over... at last, and now we are into our 26th year, and Rich Compton, our "fearless leader" is so delighted with the residents' part in the celebration, that he is posting a sign-up sheet for the 50th birthday so look for your pencils and calendars to mark the date!

Some everyday trivia, to get back to normal---Joan Tapley has completed her 792nd round trip carrying her household treasures from M to K. . . she is so expert, that the Uneasy Moving Co. has offered her the CEO position.

Help! Help! Whose raincoat are you wearing, or who is wearing your rain coat?? Are you sure you know what's what. ? Please check carefully before grabbing and donning. The coat you select may belong to somebody else.

Loquain, our friendly server, is now in the Amigo Valet Parking Service. Elizabeth Elgin, is his steady customer. This service is not available in the Coffee Shop.

Did you know that it took 2 dummies to find another dummy for Sew and So? See Jeanette for details.

Halloween is also a past event with all the party fun and games and so you voted for the pumpkin and now he is president ..(Oops! No political comments, please.)

Speaking of parties---the Gala was a smash-eroo with fashion statements at every turn. And if you loved the frock at the Gala, buy it at next year's Barn Sale, el cheapo.

So many outstanding outfits! Polly Roosevelt's glittering gown and Bobby Wolfe's glittering shoes and Lillian Freudenberger's marvelous jeweled leopard perched jauntily on her shoulder, but the gentlemen really stole the show---"our fearless leader, Rich Compton and the merry medico, Ted Wilson, were positively soigné in their dinner jackets complete with black tie and snowy white shirts. I couldn't get a look at the shoes. Did they have on "fruit boots" or simple patent leathers??? I promise to be more observant next time. Whatever, they were splendid. Handsome Hank Kaestner, our new trustee, discovered the oyster bar and was going after the bi-valves double time. This is just one of the perks of the job, Hank.

Ann Remington deserves a special mention, wrapped in her fluffy white feather boa ...BUT.. THE WINNERS of the Ralph Lauren Gold Cup Award for the Best Dressed are the servers from the MDR who looked tres chic, neat and stylish in their black and white uniforms - lending a true air of elegance to the entire Gala. So becoming! Sure beats the depressing numbers they are condemned to wear on their daily rounds.

Now, let's move on to Eli Freedman's Pulitzer Prize winning play, "As the Worm Turns", which opened to S.R.O. house, breathlessly waiting to hear the golden voices bring back old time radio memories. The bashful author reluctantly autographed programs - Leo Weiss and Bill Duff, aka Abbott and Costello timed their repartee perfectly, and Bill Benson, aka Prof. Zed enjoyed his part so much, he spilled over into Amanda's lines, giving us an extra good laugh. But WAIT - an unannounced extra treat: We had an out of town star, from Chicago, who read a cameo part written just for her; Reva Freedman, who I hear is up for an Oscar. Sound effect credits go to Ruth Williamson, and Kitty Ann is being considered for best supporting actress.

This was just what we all needed after the Day at the Polls, hundreds of voters besieged Broadmead, amongst whom, we spied Tom Tassel-meyer, with his 4 handsome sons, and Angel Santamaria with his beautiful wife.. Election judges Donna Smith, Ann Gussow, Charlie Wilhelm together with Margaret Proctor, Lynn Buck and Sally Burbank put in a 15 hour day aided by Ellie Kaufmann, a volunteer one woman welcome committee, who earned the whoever presidential medal of valor---great P.R. Ellie!

Social Notes--- Evie Dempsey seen wielding her shiny red leaf blower; - she can take it or leaf it.

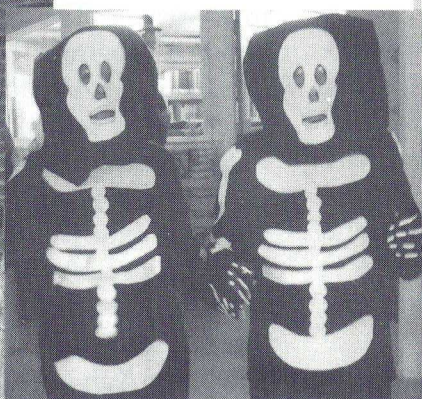
Jane and Dick Doss have come down out of the trees to live with us. A few hours in the decompression tank will help you adjust to the lowlands.. We're happy to have you with us.

Talking about naming our to be 'broad' end fire lane---how about Meadian Strip? (proof reader, don't mess with that). Judy Waxter has discovered that the Perimeter Road is named Copper Beach Lane on the Baltimore County map. (Sounds good, don'tcha think?) - - - Had enuf??

Halloween

by Harriet Ambrose and Bonnie Bevans

Everyone was inspired to show the Halloween Spirit at the annual Halloween Mixer on October 29, 2004. We enjoyed tasting treats from the apple and pumpkin bake off. The departmental pumpkins that were decorated for judging by the residents gave all big smiles. Being amongst creative costumes displayed by residents and staff was a real treat for all who came. Musical entertainment filled the room and added to the festive occasion.



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